

Pension Application for Elijah S. Hollister

W.25791 (Widow: Lucy)
State of Vermont
Bennington County SS.

On this 15th day of March 1839, personally appeared before the Hon, the Probate Court, within & for the Probate District of Manchester in the County of Bennington & State of Vermont, Lucy Hollister a Resident of the town of Manchester in said County of Bennington, aged Seventy [seven?] years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows".

That she is the widow of Elijah Hollister late of said Manchester, deceased, who was a Private & Sergeant in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That she is informed & verily believes, that sometime in the year 1780 & as she believes in the forepart of spring of that year, her said husband the said Elijah S. Enlisted at Lenox in the State of Massachusetts, where he then resided for the term of six months into a Company of Infantry, in the Massachusetts line, commanded by Capt Stoddard & the Regiment commanded by Colo. Van___ that he was stationed for a part or the whole of the said term at Robinsons farms, so called near West Point in the State of New York, -- & that he faithfully served out the whole of his said term for enlistment & was regularly discharged therefrom & that soon afterwards, & sometime in the winter of the year 1781, as she is informed & verily believes, he the said Elijah S. again enlisted & entered into the service of the United States as a Sergeant, in the Regiment of Infantry in the line of the State of New York commanded by Colo Marinus Willett for the Term of three years -- & that he afterwards faithfully served as such Sergeant throughout the whole of said term as period of three years—some part of which time he was stationed at Fort Plain in the State of New York--& that he was regularly discharged therefrom at Schenectady, in said State of :New York some time in the winter of the year 1784.

She further declares that she was married to the said Elijah S. Hollister on the 5th day of September in the year seventeen hundred & eighty five, at said Langsbury by the Revd Saml Munson & that she knows of no existing Record of her said marriage.—that her said husband the aforesaid Elijah S. Hollister died on the first day of January—eighteen hundred & fourteen—

That's he was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & b ninety four (viz), at the time above stated—that her maiden name was Lucy Clark & that since the death of the said Elijah S. She has remained his widow single & unmarried--& that she has no documentary evidence to support her said claim. (Signed with her mark)
Lucy Hollister

Witness Marinus W. Hollister.

Loring Dean Judge of Probate Court.